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Prime Minister Mario Soares
Presidencia do Conselho de Ministros
Rua da Inprensa
a Estrela
1200 Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations on the occasion of your re-assumption of the office of Prime Minister, and to re-affirm the traditionally strong ties between our two countries.

For some time, we have been deeply concerned over the tragic situation in East Timor. We are aware of Portugal's diplomatic efforts, most recently at the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, to help secure the internationally-recognized rights of the East Timorese people. We applaud these moves by Portugal and hope they will be intensified in the future.

At this moment there is a specific humanitarian matter which we would like to bring to Portugal's attention. This matter concerns the families of a small number of East Timorese, including a Roman Catholic priest, Father Francisco Fernandes, with whom some of us have met in Washington since 1979. Many of us have been involved in initiatives aimed at enabling the families of these persons to leave East Timor for Portugal, but Indonesia has not allowed them to leave. Before we can pursue these cases any further with Jakarta, however, it is our understanding that for technical reasons there need to be written assurances that Portugal will accept the individuals in question.

We would like to emphasize that we are aware of, and salute Portugal's successful absorption of thousands of its citizens from Africa and additional numbers from East Timor itself. The fate of the group of East Timorese mentioned

here is of great concern to us, and we are certain that Portugal will want to assist them and enlist the help of diplomatic intermediaries and international organizations for this purpose.

Enclosed you will find a list of the names of the specific individuals in question. We wish to thank you for your assistance in this matter in advance. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards, M.C.

Tony P. Hall, M.C.

Tom Lantos, M.C.

John Edward Porter, M.C.

David E. Bonior, M.C.

Benjamin A. Gilman, M.C.

James H. Scheuer, M.C.

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Anthony C. Beilenson, M.C.

Henry J. Nowak, M.C.

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Robert G. Torricelli, M.C.

Bob Edgar, M.C.

Louis Stokes, M.C.

Barney Frank, M.C.

James Weaver, M.C.

Marcy Kaptur, M.C.

Walter E. Fauntroy, M.C.

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Claudine Schneider, M.C.

Joe Moakley, M.C.

Thomas A. Daschle, M.C.

Ronald V. Dellums, M.C.

Lane Evans, M.C.

ADDENDUM

The following people can be contacted at: Opposite Toko Dili Jaya flat no. 7, DILI

Ao Seu Hin and son.
Ma Tu Kum and wife and two children
Um Sui Sion and wife and two children

The following people can be contacted at Rua 15 De Outubro Dili-Audian:

Lay Chung Kong
Cu Tsin Moe
Fernando Lay Sun Sin
Lay Tsiuk Sing
Lay Kiang Sing
Lay Lie Sing
Lay Sing Sing
Lai Fu Hiang
Lay Moe Sing (and two children)

The following people can be contacted in Santa Cruz, Dili:

Jose Raimundo Guterres
Margarida Gomes Guterres
Maria Manuela Guterres
Maria de Fatima Gomes Guterres
Maria Filomena Gomes Guterres
Jose Manuel Gomes Guterres
Maria Eugenia Guterres
Alberto Eugenia Guterres
Alberto Guterres Marques
Vicente Guterres Margues, and wife and four children

The following people can be contacted at Santa Cruz, Dili:

Rosa da Costa Cabral
Joaquim Gusmao
Raquel Sarmento Gusmao and three children: Celio Gusmao, Juju Gusmao, Vitoria Gusmao
Engracia Cabral
Maria de Fatima Cabral (married to January Pereira)
Zephina Pereira
Ana Maria Pereira
Brijita Pereira
Maria Luteca
Jacob Fernandes
Eva Fernandes and three children: Joaquim Fernandes, Sandra Fernandes, Susy Fernandes
Filomeno Cabral Fernandes
Judith Pimentel Fernandes and two children: Alcinha Pimentel Fernandes, Ciana Pimentel Fernandes

ADDENDUM (continued)

Alvaro Leao Alves
Maria Felicidade Fernandes Alves
Merita Fernandes Alves
Dina Fernandes Alves
Julieta Fernandes Alves
Joao Baptista Fernandes Alves

The following people can be contacted at Travessa de Be-Fonte, Dili:

Claudino Valadares
Edite Madeira Valadares